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Applicant: Patrick H. Dussud  
Examiner: Ly, Anh  
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Group Art Unit: 2172  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MULTIPROCESSOR GARBAGE COLLECTION

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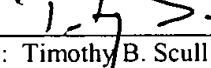
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for March 3, 2003. Enclosed is a petition for a one-month extension of time setting the time to respond to April 3, 2003.

No amendments are made in this response. However, the claims are provided herein for convenience.

ORIGINAL CLAIMS:

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1. (Original) A method of collecting garbage in a computer system having a memory and a plurality of multiprocessors that share the memory, the method comprising:

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